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Gloves' Backstory

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THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED A WHILE AGO,
STARTING FROM THE DAY I GOT MY HAIRCUT.
WOW!
THIS IS SUPER FRESH!
AND IT'S THE LATEST STYLE!
I'M GONNA BECOME TRENDY!

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BWOOOH
GLOVES
GLOVES' TEAMMATES
THAT'S NOT FRESH AT ALL!

WHAT KIND OF TIME PERIOD IS THAT FROM?!
OH NO, FAR FROM IT!
EH? AIN'T IT COOL?
GAH!
INTER-ESTING...
WE AT LEAST WON'T LOSE THIS BATTLE!
WHAT-EVER,

THE WINNER IS... GLOVES' TEAM!
HOW'D YOU LIKE THAT TRENDY TAKEOVER?
HOW ABOUT A SPIRITUAL RETREAT IN THE MOUN-TAINS OR SOME-THING?
UGH....
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
HEY!!
YOU WON, BUT YOUR STYLE SUCKS.
UGH. HE'S STRONG, BUT SO OLD-SCHOOL...
ARGH...!

HE'S REALLY GOING TO DO IT?!
AH
BE SAFE.
THAT'S IT!
NICE ONE!

WELL, I GAVE IT A SHOT...

!?

WHAT'S THAT?

I WAS SO NAIVE BACK THEN.
NOT EVEN MEDITATING IN THE MOUNTAINS COULD MAKE ME TRENDY?!
SNORE
AND NOW ?!

H-
HOW...

COOL!!
!
HEH ....
WOW, AMAZING!
WINNER OF THE SQUARE KING CUP THREE YEARS IN A ROW?!
!
EMPE-ROR?!
SO SOME-ONE WAS HERE?

IT'S A PROTOTYPE OF THE "SPLAT DUALIES."
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE ...!
WHAT'S THAT WEA-PON?
HUH?
THAT'S TRENDY!
PROTO-TYPE... SO IT'S NEW?!
USE THEM IN THE NEXT TOUR-NAMENT.
YOU CAN HAVE THEM.

WHOOA!
!
IF YOU WIN, YOU'LL BE A TREND.
I'LL JOIN FOR SURE!

I'M DONE TEST-ING THEM.
I GUESS SO
YOU SURE IT'S ALRIGHT TO GIVE HIM THAT?
YOU'RE GONNA GET IN TROUBLE~
YO!

DUALIES, HUH....
BESIDES, THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PLAY WITH ONE'S PAWNS.

C'MON GUYS, LET'S TRAIN FOR THE TOURNAMENT!
IF I CAN MASTER THIS NEW WEAPON, I'LL BE THE TRENDIEST GUY AROUND!
HE'S BACK
ALRIGHT!

LET'S GO!
YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY TRENDY, HUH?
I GUESS SO.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO WIN AGAINST EMPEROR LIKE THIS!
IF I CAN WIN THIS,
I'LL FINALLY BE...!!

I'M STILL A KING NO MATTER WHAT I WEAR.
YOUR "TRENDY" IS ONLY SKIN DEEP.
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DUA-LIES... YOU'RE THAT KID FROM BEFORE.

EVEN IF IT'S ONLY SKIN DEEP, I'VE GOTTEN MUCH STRONGER.
I KNOW THAT FOR SURE!
... GLOVES ....
I'M OK!

YEAH!
LET'S PRACTICE FOR THE NEXT TOURNAMENT!

IF I GET STRONGER FROM HERE ON,
THAT'LL BE MY TREND!
EVEN THOUGH I MADE A FOOL OF MYSELF BY FOCUSING ON MY LOOKS,

OH?
THAT'S WHAT BEING COOL IS, RIGHT?
INKOPOLIS' FAMOUS BLUE TEAM....
THEY THINK THEY'RE SO FRESH, HUH?
I'LL TAKE A LOOK FOR MYSELF,
SINCE I KNOW WHAT'S COOL!
To #10...
IT'S DEFI-NITELY COOL.
BY THE WAY, GLOVES KEPT HIS OLD GEAR.

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